

Globalization 342

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This course introduces various aspects of globalization, such as the relationship between global and local, labor, social justice, geopolitics.

Grading

Weekly Quizzes (8 quizzes)

Due Each Friday by 11:59pm PST.

Weekly writing assignments (8 prompts)

Due Each Friday by 11:59pm PST.

Final project parts

All readings are posted on Canvas except the following three books.

Pietra Rivoli, 2014. *T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade* (be sure to get 2nd or 3rd edition). John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Christian Parenti, 2011. *Tropic of Chaos: Climate Change and the New Geography of Violence*. New York: Nation Books.

William Cronon, 1991. *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West*. W. W. Norton & Company.

Reading and Concept Schedule (Readings subject to change!)

Week one: Hyperglobalization

Core concepts: Commodity Chain, Market, Security, The South.

Readings:

Parenti, Christian. 2012. Chapters 1-3 (pp. 3-36) in *Tropic of Chaos: Climate Change and the New Geography of Violence*. New York: Nation Books. [Print book]

PodCast: NPR's Planet Money- "*The Humble innovation at the Heart of the Global Economy*"

Carmody, Padraig. 2013. "Introduction: New Models of Globalization" (pp. 1-21) in *The Rise of the Brics in Africa: The Geopolitics of South-South Relations*. Zed Books. [Electronic PDF]

James Fallows, 2007. "China Makes, The World Takes." *The Atlantic*. [Electronic PDF]

Week Two: Development Theory

Core concepts: Embeddedness, Fordism, Industrial Revolution

Black, Maggie. 2013. pp 10-30. *The No-Nonsense Guide to International Development*. Oxford: New Internationalist.

Chang, Ha-Joon. 2012. "Introduction" and "Thing 1: There is no such thing as a free market" (pp. xiii-xviii and 1-10) in *23 Things They Don't Tell You about Capitalism*. New York: Bloomsbury Press.

Rivoli, Pietra. 2009. Preface & Prologue (pp. ix-xx) in *T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade*. 2nd Edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Rivoli, *T-Shirt in the Global Economy*. Chapters 1-4 (pp. 3-73)

Week Three: Commodification

Rivoli, *T-Shirt in the Global Economy*. Ch 5-8 (pp. 77-139).

Cronon, William. 1991. "Rails and Water" (pp. 55-93) in *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West*. New York: W. W. Norton and Company. [Canvas]

Cronon, "Pricing the Future: Grain" in *Nature's Metropolis* (pp. 97-147). [Canvas]

Week Four: Labor

Core concept: immigrants, precarious labor, immaterial labor

Week Five: Health

Week six: Land

Parenti, *Tropic of Chaos*: Chapters 9-12 (pp. 97-154)

Grain, 2012. *The Great Food Robbery: How corporations control food, grab land and destroy the climate*. Pambazuka Press. (pp. 23-30; 121-145). [Canvas]

Week Seven: Global & Local

Week Eight: Colonialism

Parenti, *Tropic of Chaos*: Chapters: 6,7,8, & 15

Nunn, Nathan, and Nancy Qian. 2010. "The Columbian Exchange: A History of Disease, Food, and Ideas." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 24 (2) (May)

Is China the World's New Colonial

Power?: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/02/magazine/is-china-the-worlds-new-colonial-power.html> (Links to an external site.)Links to an external site.